

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## An Engineering Suggestion

One of the suggestions made to this paper in the interests of better management of the city engineer's million dollar program for the coming year, proposes that the present staff be retained and the principle of promotion be recognized. It being assumed that wider experience in management may be necessary to establish a feeling of confidence on the part of the public, it is suggested that the plans and specifications issued by the department be submitted to a reviewing board of engineers made up of experienced engineers of Honolulu.

The routine of this system of organization would be for the supervisors to initiate an improvement plan. It would go to the engineer's office for costs and specifications. Then it would be passed upon by the board of engineers and, with recommendations, referred back to the supervisors for final action.

One of the points made in favor of this proposal is that larger cities of the mainland have inaugurated this system and with signal success.

Pay of the board of engineers will be the first question. And there possibly might come the rub of the whole proposition.

The plan is given publicity for the purposes of discussion, as it may have a helpful suggestion for the supervisors who carry the responsibility for public work.

The attitude of the average citizen and taxpayer is that the men and the plan of their organization shall be equal to the size of the task, free from political entanglements, and a credit to a growing city.

## HOW IS BUSINESS?

After learning the progress of the nation's defenders at the front and in preparation for the front, business has the first attention. "How's business?" is the second thought.

If we may take as a criterion the condition at the time of the latest received report of Bradstreet's, it appears that the business of the country holds steady and is improving. Secretary McAdoo promised widespread prosperity when the billions of the great liberty loan bonds were let loose. The prosperity has begun even before the loan money came into full action. The prospect of good crops supplies the fundamental strength of the situation.

"A shifting or readjusting process born of war conditions, tends to repress operations in some channels," says Bradstreet's, while at the same time stimulating a wide range of war lines to greater animation.

Yet, what may be termed regular distributive business is large, and though it is conceded that there is not the snap to buying that was so remarkable six months ago, faith in the future of trade is only tempered by concern over governmental regulation of prices or by present uncertainty as to the full effects of readjustments now making. How far these readjustments will go, and what lines will be most repressed while expansion grows in the industries that are essential to warfare, is the leading question.

However, the main developments of the week are favorable, notwithstanding that the larger times evince seasonal quiet. Warm weather and early clearance sales have stimulated retail trade, which in turn has made for some reorders, and industry is active as ever, being only held back by shortage of labor or raw materials.

Incidentally, crop conditions are more favorable than at any previous time this season, soil problems are lower in price, speculative operations in foodstuffs as well as in financial markets are repressed; the railways, aided by waterway navigation, are doing better, the car shortage is less acute, in the country districts merchants seem disposed to buy for all shipment, and mail-order houses are doing well. Withal, the season has been exceptionally backward for retail trade, and besides hitting summer goods, the economy campaign also struck at luxuries and fancy articles as well as furniture, and while some distributors report an exceptionally good turnover the first half of the year, there are numerous reports of retail dealers asking that shipments of textiles be deferred until a later date. This attitude is dictated by the desire to work off stocks and to let selling agents carry the goods for the time being.

The labor shortage is more acute, and strikes are numerous, with the copper mining regions of Montana and Arizona most affected. Higher prices for pig iron, the uncertainty of governmental control of prices, lower quotations for scrap material, heavy buying of coal, large demand for lumber and marked activity in buying of machine tools by shipbuilders and makers of aeroplanes are additional features.

Collections are relatively good, money is easy, bank clearings are large and business failures are light. The easier tone of money has failed to stimulate speculation in securities, and the disappointment caused by the interstate commerce commission's decision on rates, and uncertainty as to government price regulation, is credited with the bearish tone shown. Bonds are dull and investment buying is light.

Speed rules for motorcycles must be tightened and rigidly enforced. Daredevil riding on these high power machines is a menace to the lives of all who use the roads.

The heavier the war taxes the stronger the reason for waging the war until the power for making war by any privileged few is forever abolished.

## Efficiency Will Check It

Every city suffers at times from epidemics of crime and the wholesale stealing of automobiles in Honolulu may be partly explained on this basis.

But there is usually a good reason for these epidemics starting and it is ordinarily found in loose methods and lack of discipline.

The record indicates that Honolulu furnishes an example of the epidemic and the lack of discipline. Greater efficiency in police management will quickly put an end to wholesale thieving in a town where the thieves are at all times within a relatively few miles of the police station.

## OFFERS NO PEACE FOR DEMOCRACY.

Feelings of Americans on the peace proposals the Pope have to quite a large extent been expressed by an Irish Catholic who wrote the following letter for publication in The Outlook:

I am a Catholic born in Ireland. I am dissatisfied with the stand the Catholic church has taken in the war. Now, the leaders of the Catholic people in America are Irish. The Irish at home want a republic. The Irish in America ought to help preserve the republic within which they live and of which they form a part. It is more than a suspicion that the governing body of the church in Rome, which has been holding out for restoration of temporal power, is in sympathy with the aims and objects of Germany. On the other day the papers had it that some church dignitary was to go to Europe sailing the Papal flag—by grace of Germany. If I claimed lordship to the kingdom of Ireland, and the Kaiser sent me a personal letter that I might sail the ocean unmolested under the flag of Ireland, I would not do it. Why? Because I am not in sympathy with the aims or objects of Germany and the Kaiser. Personally, I believe that it is of more importance to the world that democracy should win this war than that the Pope should regain temporal power or even that the unity in government of the Catholic church should be preserved.

JOHN B. ROONEY.

Training Camp, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

German papers commenting on the proposal in Congress to compel the furnishing of translations in English of articles appearing in German-American papers say it makes two classes of citizens in the United States—"the Anglo-Saxon rulers and the German servants." Letting it go at that, the reason is simply that the second class described were "German" servants—serving a foreign potentate—more than American citizens in the first place. And those who falsely took the oath abjuring foreign allegiance made themselves candidates for involuntary servitude.

There is nothing in the war measures so far adopted which would indicate that labor will receive an unfair deal from the government. Strikes without previous submission of the cause thereof to the constituted authorities should therefore be deemed hostile action.

What this war means is strikingly illustrated by the exile of the autocrat of all the Russias and his wife to Siberia, where they and their forebears have sent many thousands of their betters to pine away in misery.

Holland and the other neutrals have only to play fair by refusing to act as suppliers of the necessities of the enemy.

Secretary McAdoo's bonds taxable, to which inform Berlin stands.

If the German lanterns instead.

Stoppage of the hurt the industry never done any.

Daylight when they bro that its antis would put it to sleep.

Musical instruments have been dropped from the war tax bill by the senate. More power to the ukulele.

The Promotion Committee should inform the tourist public that a shark has never attacked anyone in an automobile here except in self-defense.

When Japan is doing so well for the cause of humanity, America will not see her shipbuilding industry destroyed for want of a little steel.

Suffragettes who take advantage of the nation's time of trouble to make disturbances are only setting the clock of equal suffrage back.

Enforced domiciling of the czar and family in Siberia is one of those "strange revenges" the "whirligig of time brings."

"Disorder will not be tolerated." This is the kind of talk from Washington which will be echoed by the whole nation.

Fish stories are coming to the stage when they will be limited only by the length of the fisherman's tape line.

"We are coming, Father Woodrow, ten hundred thousand strong"—and as many more as will be needed.

Germany may now be expected to blame China with the others for "forcing" her into war.



## A PRETTY SICK BOY.

A meek and frightened looking little woman knocked at the door of Dr. Patterson's office at the board of health the other day and informed the doctor that she wanted him to see her little boy. Somebody had told her that he had a temperature of 111.

Patterson got up and opened all the windows before letting the youngster in. "I thought he must be pretty sick," said the woman. "Yes," said the doctor as he turned her little

boy over to a nurse. "He's all right," he said. "He's just a little nervous."

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## A FISH TALE

"G" US' McMULLAN, draftsman at the quartermaster's office, was out in the Sea Scout the other day with a crowd of fishing companions when he felt a sudden tug at his line.

Only this and nothing more, and McMullan remarked that he had caught a snag. He began to reel in his line. When the "snag" came to the surface he found it to be a 10-pound fish that had tied its own tail in the line during some extra gyrations in the water. The fish came in tail-end first. McMullan says that hereafter he will snare the finny creatures rather than trying to hook them.

A POLICE COURT INCIDENT

GEORGE DAVIS, attorney, is a "Good Samaritan." He is everlastingly ready to help those who are in predicament. One morning, while waiting for the trial of a case in Judge Irwin's courtroom, Mr. Davis, seeing an old Hawaiian sitting behind Baliff Joe Nobriga's seat, awaiting trial, walked up to him and gave him a quarter. The Hawaiian accepted the gift with tears and put the coin in his purse.

The old Hawaiian is Naonahielus, well known to the police and an inmate of Lunalilo Home. Although absolutely harmless, Naonahielus was arrested about two weeks ago for vagrancy. He was seen, the police say, holding a high-priced bowl of cut glass and coming out of the premises of a well known family in town. When asked where he got it from, Naonahielus said that he got it from a rubbish pile. He was later freed.

Naonahielus asked the Star-Bulletin man this morning if Davis was an aspirant for the office of delegate to congress. If so, he said he would vote for a good-natured learned attorney at law.

## CANNING THE KAISER.

(Tune: "Marching Through Georgia")

Bring the good old bugle, boys we'll sing another song. Sing it with a spirit that will move the world along. Sing it as we need to sing it, half a million strong—

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We'll put you up with ginger in the good old Yankee way—

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Hear the song we're singing on the shining roads of France; Hear the Tommies cheering, and see the Potius prance; Africanders and Kanucks, and Scots without their pants—

While we are canning the Kaiser.

Chorus: Bring the guns from Bethlehem, by way of old New York. Bring the beans from Boston, and don't leave out the pork; Bring a load of soda-pop, and pull the grape-juice cork—

While we are canning the Kaiser!

Chorus: Come you men from Dixieland, you lumber-jacks of Maine; Come you Texas cowboys, and you farmers of the plain; From Florida to Oregon, we boast the Yankee strain—

While we are canning the Kaiser.

Chorus: Now we've started on the 'job, we mean to put it through; Ship the kings and Kaisers all, and make the world anew; Clear the way for common folk, for men like me and you—

While we are canning the Kaiser.

DISPUTE AT MILL ENDS IN ARREST

Charged with assault and battery for having hit and cut a fellow-workman's face, Ballentine Estaban, a Filipino, was arrested and placed in jail. The latter was written in the public's gardens of Bordeaux on the evening of his arrival there.

The submarine attack occurred two days out from Bordeaux. Mr. Castle was standing at his cabin door talking with an American officer when the ship's gun boomed and looking to port he discerned a periscope. Four more shots were fired and the last appeared to find its mark. Castle grabbed a life belt and rushed out on deck, but he says there was little excitement on board. The torpedo fired by the submarine passed within thirty feet of the steamer.

On his visit to London a large fleet of German aircraft attacked the city and he saw the British fleet go up and chase them off.

Mr. Castle writes that the general feeling in France is one of exhaustion and his letter appeals to the American people not only to send armies, but also money for the families of men at the front.

## BRISBANE SAYS:

Advertising is the art of transferring an idea from your mind to the minds of others. The advertiser's task is to see a thing clearly and to describe it simply and convincingly. The great mistake of the professional advertising man is lack of simplicity. The most idiotic mistake of the business man who has something to advertise is the notion that he can do it himself better than a professional.

You cannot be at the same moment the dynamo in the power house grinding out the current and the brilliant bulb that sheds light and tells what the dynamo is doing. The business man is the dynamo, the advertising man is the electric bulb that tells of the dynamo's work. The bulb that thinks itself more important than the dynamo is foolish. The big dynamo that thinks it can get along without any bulb and make a success of a lighting plant all by itself is a foolish dynamo.

Advertising is an art and science important to all the nations and to every man in the nation.

Advertising is to business, industry, manufactures, what printing and language are to the human race.

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Without it business is dumb.

To exaggerate the importance of advertising and of its unlimited possibilities is not easy.

Paid Publicity Will Do It.

The general circulation of the 7140 Star-Bulletin for Aug. 11 was

## PERSONALITIES

J. G. PRATT, Jr., Paia, Maui, is in Honolulu for a short visit.

HAROLD W. RICE and wife arrived in Honolulu Saturday for the polo games.

REV. JOHN P. ERDMAN has left

for Maui where he will spend some weeks on a vacation.

WM. H. RICE, sheriff of Kauai, came to Honolulu with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Rice, on Saturday.

DR. H. P. NOTTAGE, formerly of Honolulu, is now a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps. He is an ear, eye and nose specialist who has recently been practicing in Alameda.

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